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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, For millennia, the spoken word has been translated into text to record history; to accomplish this task, society turned to the scribe; and

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WHEREAS, The profession of scribe was born with the rise of civilization; and

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WHEREAS, In Ancient Egypt, scribes were considered to be the literate elite, recording laws and other important documents; since that time, scribes have served as impartial witnesses to history; and

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WHEREAS, Scribes were present with our nation's Founding Fathers as the Declaration of Independence and Bill of Rights were drafted; and

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WHEREAS, President Lincoln entrusted scribes to record the Emancipation Proclamation; and

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WHEREAS, Since the advent of shorthand machines, scribes have been known as court reporters and have played a permanent and invaluable role in courtrooms across our country; and

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WHEREAS, Captioners are responsible for the closed

1 captioning seen scrolling across television screens at
2 sporting stadiums and in other community and educational
3 settings, bringing information to millions of deaf and
4 hard-of-hearing Americans every day; and

5 WHEREAS, Court reporters and captioners translate the
6 spoken word into text and preserve our history; and

7 WHEREAS, Whether called the scribes of yesterday or the
8 court reporters and captioners of today, the individuals who
9 preserve our nation's history are truly the guardians of the
10 record; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
12 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
13 designate February 15-21, 2015 as "Illinois Court Reporting &
14 Captioning Week"; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That we urge the Governor to issue a proclamation
16 calling on the people of the great State of Illinois to observe
17 the week with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and
18 educational activities.